

INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

Nevada Competency Testing Program for Educational Personnel 2005-2006

REQUIREMENTS

All applicants for initial licensing in Nevada are required to take the following competency tests unless certain exceptions, as described below, apply:

1. Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) – paper-based or computer-based (CBT) •
2. Praxis II: Principles of Learning and Teaching Tests (PLT)
3. Praxis II: Subject Assessments/Specialty Area Tests ••

Individuals applying for initial licensure, on or after January 1, 1991, must successfully complete these tests by attaining the passing scores set by Nevada except in the case of a test designated by the Commission on Professional Standards to be in a no-fault category.

EXCEPTIONS

All applicants for the provisional, non-renewable license which went into effect January 1, 1998, must take the required competency tests within three years of the date of license issuance unless the following exceptions apply:

Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST)

1. Applicants who have previously taken and passed by Nevada standards the Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) – paper-based or computer-based (CBT) (including the previous Computer Based Academic Skills Assessment tests 0711, 0721, and 0731) or who can provide a Permanent Verification Card which confirms that you have passed the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST) and provide copies of official score reports.
 2. Out-of-State applicants with a license in another state and 3 years of verified full-time experience within the past 5 years in the subject area(s) for which they are receiving a Nevada license. See Attachment "A".
 3. Applicants who have earned a Master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
 4. Applicants who 1) have taken the Graduate Record Examinations and have received the following minimum scores a) GRE Verbal: 420; b) GRE Quantitative: 3.5; and c) GRE Analytical: 430 and 2) have completed their undergraduate degree with a grade point average of not less than 3.0. The grade point average must be identified on the official transcript.
 5. Applicants who have taken the PPST or CBT (reading, writing, and math tests) at least once and failed to meet one or more of the passing scores have the option of taking courses identified by the Department. Earning a grade of "B" or better in these courses will satisfy this requirement. Official transcripts must be submitted. (**Contact Department for list of approved courses.**)
 6. See **"PROFICIENCY TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR NEVADA EDUCATIONAL LICENSE APPLICANTS"** effective 2/15/2002, amended 7/18/2003 and 7/1/05, on pages 4 & 5.
- Applicants for substitute teacher and Business and Industry licenses are only required to take Praxis I: PPST.
 - See the attached list of Subject Assessments/Specialty Area Tests currently in use in Nevada (pages 6-8).

Praxis II: Principles of Learning and Teaching Tests (PLT)

1. Applicants who have previously taken and passed the Professional Knowledge Test of the NTE Core Battery and passed with a score of 651 or higher, the Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 or the Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 and provided copies of official score reports.
2. Out-of-State applicants with a license in another state and 3 years of full-time experience within the past 5 years in the subject area(s) for which they are receiving a Nevada license. See Attachment "A".
3. Applicants for an initial license with endorsements in areas for which training in the principles and methods of teaching is not required (i.e. counselors, school psychologists, nurses, social workers, speech therapists, business and industry teachers, early childhood teachers).
4. Applicants for the Elementary (K-8) endorsement who are required to take the Curriculum Instruction and Assessment (0011) and the Content Area Exercises (0012) tests.
5. Applicants who have a physical education endorsement may substitute passing scores from both the Physical Education: Content Knowledge (0091) and Physical Education: Movement Forms – Analysis and Design (0092) tests to satisfy the Principles of Learning and Teaching (or Professional Knowledge) test requirement.
6. Applicants who take a subject specific pedagogy test listed as one of the required tests for a subject area specialty. Alternatively, these applicants may substitute the Principles of Learning and Teaching test for a required subject specific pedagogy test. Please be aware, however, that applicants with a subject specific pedagogy requirement must take and pass either the subject specific pedagogy test or the Principles of Learning and Teaching.
7. See **"PROFICIENCY TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR NEVADA EDUCATIONAL LICENSE APPLICANTS"** effective 2/15/2002, amended 7/18/2003 and 7/1/05, on pages 4 & 5.

Praxis II: Subject Assessments/Specialty Area Tests ±

1. Applicants who have previously taken and passed the appropriate Specialty Area test(s) and provided copies of official score reports.
2. Applicants for an initial license with endorsement(s) in areas for which no tests have yet been validated and approved.
3. Applicants for the Speech and Language Handicapped endorsement who provide official documentation of having received the Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) or who provide official documentation of having passed the Speech-Language Pathology test (Test Code 0330) with a score of 600 as required by ASHA.
4. Applicants for the Home Economics endorsement who provide official documentation of satisfactory completion of the National Family and Consumer Sciences Examination issued by the Council for Certification of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
5. See **"PROFICIENCY TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR NEVADA EDUCATIONAL LICENSE APPLICANTS"** effective 2/15/2002, amended 7/18/2003 and 7/1/05, on pages 4 & 5.

±Note: Testing in only one specialty or subject area on an initial license is required. The applicant may take the test(s) corresponding to the endorsement related to his or her licensing major or minor. However, the applicant is advised to discuss with a potential employer the feasibility of testing in the area of the endorsement minor for the purpose of becoming a Highly Qualified Teacher under the No Child Left Behind Act.

PROCEDURES

Educational Testing Service: The Praxis Series 2005-2006 Information and Registration Bulletin

- I. All tests will be administered under the Praxis Series. **All registration information for the PPST, the Principles of Learning and Teaching and the Subject Assessments /Specialty Area tests will be found in the PRAXIS 2005-2006 Registration Bulletin published by Educational Testing Service.** 1) These bulletins are available from the Offices of Teacher Licensure, Nevada school district offices, and from the Colleges of Education at the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. 2) The Test at a Glance booklets, which describe the content of each test, are available at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxnv.html> by clicking the underlined session/test code for your applicable test(s).
- II. To see the specific tests required by Nevada, go to <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxnv.html#testreq>.
- III. **The dates of test administrations and closing registration dates are listed on the back cover of the Praxis Series Information and Registration Bulletin.** All of the tests required by Nevada are offered on all **seven** test dates listed.
- IV. Detailed information about the testing procedure and a registration form are provided in the Praxis Series Registration and Information Bulletin or online at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxreg.html>. After you have registered once, future registration may be accomplished by phone.
- V. When filling out the registration form for a particular test date, you must indicate your choice of test centers. **For Test Session codes visit the Praxis website at www.ets.org/praxis.**
- VI. When indicating which tests you are applying to take, **it is suggested that you match the test codes provided in this document with those on the 2005-2006 Nevada test list at: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxnv.html#testreq>**.
- VII. If you provide ETS with your Social Security Number AND our recipient code, **R8670**, on the Registration Form the Nevada Department of Education can receive your test scores electronically. Receiving your passing scores electronically will facilitate the removal of your testing provisions. If you do not wish the Department to receive your scores electronically, you will need to provide a legible copy to our office in a timely fashion.
- VIII. Please take into account the time required for ETS to score the tests and distribute the test score reports. **See Scores and Score Reports in the Praxis Series Information and Registration Bulletin.**
- IX. For examinees with disabilities or examinees whose first language is not English, information regarding nonstandard administration can be found in the Praxis Series Information and Registration Bulletin.
- X. For any other questions about the tests or the testing process, refer to the Praxis 2005-2006 Registration Bulletin or www.ets.org/praxis.

STATE PROCEDURES

- I. There will be NO extension of time granted to meet the competency testing requirements. In the event that test score reports are not received by the Office of Teacher Licensing within three years of the date your license is issued, your license will become invalid.
- II. **If you choose to take any of these tests during your second or third year of employment, please obtain the most recent update of this Informational Bulletin and the Praxis Series Information and Registration Bulletin.** Changes are made in the Program from year to year; some of these may apply to you.
- III. After you have received your license, if you need further clarification regarding your testing provisions, contact the Licensing Office in Las Vegas at (702)486-6458 or in Carson City at (775) 687-9115.
- IV. **EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2008, A PROVISIONAL LICENSE WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLETION OF COMPETENCY TESTING IN ELEMENTARY AND CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS IDENTIFIED BY THE SYMBOL † ON PAGES 6, 7, AND 8. COMPETENCY TESTING IN AREAS MARKED WITH A † MUST BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A NEVADA LICENSE UNLESS THE APPLICANT MEETS AN EXCEPTION PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED ON PAGES 1 AND 2.**

REGISTRATION EXCEPTIONS

There is one exception to test registration through the office of Educational Testing Service.

As an alternative to the scheduled paper-based Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST), this requirement can also be met by taking the Praxis I: PPST by Computer Based Test (CBT). These tests are offered by appointment through a national network of testing centers. In Nevada, CBT's can be taken at Prometric Testing Centers. The phone number for the Prometric Testing Center located in Las Vegas is (702) 889-4132 and in Reno at (775) 829-2700. More detailed information regarding this option can be found at the Educational Testing Service website, <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxcbt.html>.

PROFICIENCY TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR NEVADA EDUCATIONAL LICENSE APPLICANTS (Effective 2/15/2002; amended 7/18/2003 and 7/1/05)

Nevada requires that all licensed educational personnel meet proficiency testing requirements. The table below provides a listing of states for which specific proficiency testing requirements for educational licensure can be satisfied if the following is met:

- 1) A valid out-of-state license is held by the applicant at the time of application for a Nevada license and a copy **(front and back of license)** is provided to the Nevada Department of Education. If the out-of-state license is a temporary permit, emergency, alternative, conditional, preliminary, provisional, restrictive, pre-intern, etc., type of license, certificate or credential, you will need to provide the Department with evidence that you have passed the issuing state's teacher proficiency testing requirement; **and**
- 2) Verification is provided on the form prescribed by the Department (**Attachment "A"**) of one year of experience in teaching, administering or providing other educational services on a full-time basis, under contract, at any grade level in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in a state other than Nevada.

For each of the three proficiency tests required by Nevada that can be satisfied by meeting 1) and 2) above, the word "Accepted" will appear in the appropriate column for each state to which it applies. The waiver will only be granted for the tests identified that apply to the valid out-of-state license(s) provided by the applicant with the exception that meeting 1) and 2) qualifies as an automatic exemption from the United States Constitution requirement for all states/territories.

This list is not intended to be used for any other purpose than to identify states which the Department of Education has identified as satisfying Nevada educational testing requirements for competency testing.

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education passed regulation effective May 12, 2005, allowing the Department to accept out-of-state competency testing for current graduates who have completed a teacher education program through a regionally accredited college and/or university. If this applies to you (see page 10 for further information), please have the enclosed "VERIFICATION OF APPROVED PROGRAM COMPLETION AND COMPETENCY TESTING" form (Attachment "B"**) completed and returned to the appropriate State of Nevada licensing office.**

	PPST	Principles of Learning & Teaching	Subject Assessments/ Specialty Area
Alabama	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Alaska	Accepted	♦	Accepted
Arizona	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Arkansas	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
California	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Colorado	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Connecticut	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Delaware	Accepted	♦	Accepted/Effective 7/1/05
District of Columbia	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Florida	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Georgia	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Hawaii	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Idaho	♦	♦	Accepted/Effective 7/1/05
Illinois	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Indiana	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Iowa	♦	♦	♦
Kansas	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted/Effective 7/1/05
Kentucky	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Louisiana	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Maine	Accepted	Accepted	♦
Maryland	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Massachusetts	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Michigan	Accepted	♦	Accepted
Minnesota	Accepted	Accepted/Effective 7/1/05	Accepted
Mississippi	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Missouri	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Montana	Accepted	♦	♦
Nebraska	Accepted	♦	♦
New Hampshire	Accepted	♦	Accepted
New Jersey	Accepted	♦	Accepted
New Mexico	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted/Effective 7/1/05
New York	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
North Carolina	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
North Dakota	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Ohio	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Oklahoma	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Oregon	Accepted	Accepted/Effective 7/18/03	Accepted
Pennsylvania	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Rhode Island	Accepted/Effective 7/18/03	Accepted	♦
South Carolina	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
South Dakota	♦	♦	♦
Tennessee	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Texas	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Utah	♦	Accepted/Effective 7/1/05	Accepted/Effective 7/1/05
Vermont	Accepted	♦	Accepted
Virginia	Accepted	♦	Accepted
Washington	Accepted/Effective 9/1/02	Accepted/Effective 9/1/02	Accepted/Effective 9/1/02
West Virginia	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
Wisconsin	Accepted	♦	♦
Wyoming	♦	Accepted/Effective 7/1/05	♦
Department of Defense Dependent Schools	Accepted	Accepted	♦
Guam	Accepted	♦	♦
Puerto Rico	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted/Effective 5/1/02
All other territories	♦	♦	♦

♦No waiver

COMPETENCY TESTS CURRENTLY REQUIRED FOR INITIAL LICENSING IN NEVADA

Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) – <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxnv.html>

Tests and Codes

<u>Paper-based</u>	<u>Passing Score*</u>
Pre-Professional Skills Test - Reading (0710)	174
Pre-Professional Skills Test - Writing (0720)	172
Pre-Professional Skills Test - Mathematics (0730)	172
Or	
<u>Computer-based (CBT)</u>	
Computerized Pre Professional Skills Test - Reading (5710)	174
Computerized Pre Professional Skills Test - Writing (5720)	172
Computerized Pre Professional Skills Test - Mathematics (5730)	172

PRAXIS II: Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) – <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxnv.html>

Tests and Codes

	<u>Passing Score*</u>
Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 (0522)	169
Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 (0524)	161
Persons who hold a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special (K-12) teaching licensees (not substitute) may take <u>either</u> PLT: Grades K-6 (0522) <u>or</u> PLT: Grades 7-12 (0524). - Secondary (7-12) licensees should take PLT: Grades 7-12 (0524) and should see page 2, PLT section #6, for a possible exception. - Elementary (K-8) licensees should see page 2, PLT section #4, for exception. - Teachers who hold a license (K-8, 7-12 or K-12) <u>with a PE endorsement</u> should see page 2, PLT section #5, for exception. 	

PRAXIS II: Subject Assessments/Specialty Area Tests – <http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxnv.html>

<u>License/Endorsement Area</u>	<u>NTE Tests and Codes</u>	<u>Passing Score*</u>
Administrative (School and Program)	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision (0410)	590
Art	Art: Content Knowledge (0133)† Art: Art Making (0131)†	156 154
Biological Science	Biology: Content Knowledge, Part 1 (0231)† Biology (Life Science): Pedagogy (0234)†	154 150
Business/Business Education	Business Education (0100)	560
Chemistry	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (0245)† Chemistry: Content Essays (0242)†	151 145
Counselor	School Guidance and Counseling (0420)	610

* Please note scaled scores are derived independently for each test and cannot be compared across tests.

Elementary (K-8)	Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (0011)†	158
	Elementary Education: Content Area Exercises (0012)†	135
English	English Content Knowledge (0041)†~	150
	English Language, Literature and Composition: Pedagogy (0043)†	140
French	French: Content Knowledge (0173)†	152
	French: Productive Language Skills (0171)†	162
General Science	General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 1 (0431)†	150
	General Science: Content Essays (0433)†	135
Generalist, Resource Room	Special Education Knowledge-Based Core Principles (0351)	150
Health	Health Education (0550)	600
History	World and U.S. History (0940)†	470
Home Economics	Family and Consumer Sciences (0120)	610
Mathematics Major	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061)†	144
	Mathematics: Pedagogy (0065)†	135
Mathematics Minor	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061)†	133
	Mathematics: Pedagogy (0065)†	135
Middle School English	Middle School English Language Arts (0049)†	No Fault**
Middle School Mathematics	Middle School Mathematics (0069)†	No Fault**
Middle School Science	Middle School Science (0439)†	No Fault**
Middle School Social Studies	Middle School Social Studies (0089)	No Fault**

~ Will accept either English 0041 or 0042 (English Language, Literature and Composition: Essays with a passing score of 155 or higher).

** As this is the first time competency tests for middle school English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies have been available, passing score requirements will not go into effect until January 1, 2006. However, all persons who receive an initial license for middle school after January 13, 2005, are required to take the appropriate test.

Music	Music: Concepts and Processes (0111)†	150
	Music: Content Knowledge (0113)†	149
Physical Education	Physical Education: Content Knowledge (0091)	154
	Physical Education: Movement Forms-Analysis and Design (0092)	149
Physical Education and Health	Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (0856)	159
Physical Science	General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 1 (0431)†	150
	Physical Science: Pedagogy (0483)†	147
Psychology	Psychology (0390)	550
Reading/Reading Specialist	Introduction to the Teaching of Reading (0200)†	560
Social Studies	Social Studies: Content Knowledge (0081)†	152
Spanish	Spanish: Content Knowledge (0191)†	160
	Spanish: Productive Language Skills (0192)†	156
Speech and Language Handicapped	Teaching Speech to Students with Language Impairments (0880)	500
Speech-Drama	Speech Communication (0220)†	580
Technology	Technology Education (0050)	580

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VERIFICATION OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	MAIDEN NAME
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
SOCIAL SECURITY #	DATE OF BIRTH	PHONE	

The above teacher applicant is requesting that you provide our office with verification of their teaching experience within your school or district. Because we can utilize this information for various reasons, we request that the experience be consistent with the following requirements:

The applicant held a Bachelors degree from an accredited college or university during the time the teaching experience occurred;

The applicant's experience was full time (a minimum of 5 class periods per day/180 days per year);

The applicant during his/her tenure in your school district held a valid teaching license and/or certificate;

Teaching experience took place in a school licensed by the State or accredited by a National accrediting association for private schools.

Substitute teaching or aide experience SHOULD NOT be considered when verifying teaching experience.

**** Employers use only ****

The above applicant was employed as a teacher of:

SUBJECT	GRADE LEVEL	NAME OF SCHOOL	FROM (MM/YY)	TO (MM/YY)	% OF TIME FTE
SUBJECT	GRADE LEVEL	NAME OF SCHOOL	FROM (MM/YY)	TO (MM/YY)	% OF TIME FTE
PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	TITLE	Date		
NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PRIVATE SCHOOL	ADDRESS				
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE NUMBER		

ATTACHMENT "A"

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VERIFICATION OF APPROVED PROGRAM COMPLETION AND COMPETENCY TESTING

TO: All initial licensees

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education passed regulation effective May 12, 2005, allowing the Department to accept out of state competency testing for current graduates if all of the following conditions are met:

- The competency testing was part of a regionally accredited college/university approved teacher education program;
- The applicant received a passing score, at the level and competency required for the college/university's teacher education program;
- The Verification of Approved Program Completion and Competency Testing form (see reverse side) is completed by the college/university in which the approved teacher education program was completed and returned to the Department.

If this applies to you, please forward this form to your college/university for completion.

This does NOT apply to individuals who are applying for a substitute only license.

Thank you

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VERIFICATION OF APPROVED PROGRAM COMPLETION AND COMPETENCY TESTING

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Maiden Name
_____	_____	_____	_____
Address	City	State	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____	_____
Social Security No	Date of Birth	Applicant's Signature	
_____	_____	_____	

The above teacher applicant has applied for initial licensing with the Nevada Department of Education and is requesting verification of program completion and competency testing from your institution.

This form must be returned to the Nevada Department of Education directly from the college or university.

TO BE COMPLETED BY A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE:

Competency requirements were met through successful passage of examination at the required college and/or university established standard for the following tests – do not indicate competency requirement(s) satisfied by a waiver.

Basic Skills exam:

Teaching Methodology exam:

Subject Area exam:

Yes No
(Circle One)

Yes No
(Circle One)

List subject area(s) tested

Approved teacher education program was completed in: _____
Licensing area(s)

Name of college/university

Address

City

State Zip

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date Signed

Telephone

Effective 5/12/05

ATTACHMENT "B"